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Farmers Check Out Rice, Soybean Seed At Cache River Field Day

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Cache River Valley Seed Company held its 22nd field day recently with plot tours of CRV rice, MorSoy Genetics, the New MorSoy Xtra, Halo Liberty Link, RiceTec, Horizon Ag Clearfield lines and demonstrations of seed treatments for beans and rice.

The company has grown from a crude rice drying, seed cleaning plant operated in 1974 by Joe McAlister, to a very modern seed production facility with more warehouse space, additional sales people, an agronomist, accountants and logistics specialist.

According to Randy Woodard of Cache River Valley, the change has been good. "Nothing stays the same," he said, urging farmers to use rotation and mixed chemistries to overcome resistance.

Marty Eaton, General Manager of Cache River said two stops in particular drew a lot of attention.

"The Halo soybeans, which are a Liberty Link soybean that is resistant to the Ignite herbicide, drew the main interest due to the Palmer Amaranth problem," he said. "Ignite really burns the big weeds down and it's a different mode of ac-

tion than Roundup. Palmer Pigweed is really growing exponentially, it's showing up everywhere."

The second stop of interest was the new Clearfield rice variety. Eaton said he was really pleased with the turnout. There were about 500 people attending. This is the largest rice and soybean field day in Arkansas.

Various speakers at four stops helped bring the latest information to farmers. Among them were: Dr. Rick Cartwright, UA plant pathologist, who discussed rice diseases; Dr. Karen Moldenhauer, UA rice breeder, who showed new rice varieties; Josh Rupard, Cache River Valley agronomist, who spoke on MorSoy and MorSoy Xtra (RR2) varieties; Chet Chaney, Syngenta agronomist, who outlined NK soybean varieties; Lance Schmidt, Horizon Ag representative, who showed the new Clearfield rice lines; Jason Greenfield, Cache River Valley salesman, who spoke about Halo Liberty Link soybeans; and Dr. Ford Baldwin of Practical Weed Consultants Inc., who showed the use of Ignite herbicide on pigweed. △

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John E. Greer, Arkansas farmer and Vice President and General Manager of Burns Seed Farm, joins the crowd in a rice field at the Cache River Valley Seed Company's 22nd field day recently.

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